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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY: RON NESSEN;
PETER RODMAN AND DAVID COMPERT FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER; ED
SAVAGE
PRESIDENT' FAR EAST TRIP- V (TAKE ONE OF THREE)
FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION AS OF 12 NOON EST,
NOVEMBER 22, 1974, PREPARED BY USIA.
SUMMARY
FRIDAY MEDIA ASSESSMENTS OF THE TOKYO TRIP REINFORCED FIRST
IMPRESSIONS THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD REASSURED THE JAPANESE AND
ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS AN AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL.
THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE SEOUL STOPOVER.
ANTICIPATION OF THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING
SHARPENED. EDITORS SAW IT AS A RECIPROCAL SOUNDING-OUT BETWEEN
TWO CHIEFS, PRINCIPALLY ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND STRATEGIC ARMS
LIMITATION. END SUMMARY.
LONDON: FRIDAY PAPERS GAVE LIMITED SPACE TO FURTHER ASSESSMENT
OF THE TOKYO VISIT AND TO THE SEOUL SITUATION. DISCUSSION OF THE
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OUTLOOK FOR VLADIVOSTOK AND OF BROAD QUESTIONS OF PEACE AND POWER

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WAS MIXED IN TONE.
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID THE PRESIDENT'S JAPAN TRIP "DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ACHIEVED MUCH BEYOND HELPING TO PEIRCE THE COCOON JAPAN LIVES IN.... NEVERTHELESS, THE AMERICAN VISIT HAS PROBABLY BROUGHT TO AN END AN UNHAPPY PERIOD IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHEN THE JAPANESE WERE CONVINCED THEY WERE NOT BEING CONSULTED ENOUGH BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY OVER THE CHINA POLICY SWITCH."
GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT ROBERT WHYMANT REPORTED FROM TOKYO THAT THE U.S. "HAS MADE KNOWN TO SEOUL ITS OBJECTIONS TO THE SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND APPEARS TO BE HOPING IT CAN SEPARATE POLITICCAL MATTERS FROM ITS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY COMMITMENTS TO THE PARK GOVERNMENT."
OF VLADIVOSTOK PROSPECTS, THE FINANCIAL TIMES EXPECTED THE PRIMARY TOPICS TO BE THE MIDDLE EAST AND " A COMPREHENSIVE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE PROPOSED SALT II AGREEMENT." IN THIS REGARD IT DECLARED THAT "THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUE ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH AN ACERBITY NOT SEEN FOR A LONG TIME."
REVIEWING THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, THE ECONOMIST, OUT FRIDAY, OBSERVED THAT "IT IS THE MIDDLE EAST THAT COMES TO MIND FIRST WHEN ONE CONTEMPLATES THE NEW DANGERS IN PROLIFERATION GOING MAD...(BUT) WHAT IF A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN JAPAN MAKES IT EVEN HARDER FOR IT TO RATIFY THE 1968 NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY IN THE FACE OF THE RESISTANCE OF THOSE POLITCAL FACTIONS THAT HANKER FOR A NATIONAL NUCLEAR ARMORY?..."
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT RICHARD BEESTON OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTED THAT "THE U.S. IS HOPING THAT A COMBINATION OF RUSSIAN PERSUASION AND AMERICAN GENEROSITY WILL STAVE OFF THE THREAT OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST WAR WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY FOLLOW THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.N. OBSERVER FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. HOPES ARE NOW BEING PINNED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT MEETING THIS WEEK IN WHICH PRESIDENT FORD WILL TRY TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF MR. BREZHNEV..
..
IN PERSUADING SYRIA TO RENEW THE U.N. DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER-FORCE MANDATE WHICH EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 30."
TWO CORRESPONDENTS CRITICIZED SECRETARY KISSINGER. DAVID BONAVIA, IN PEKING FOR THE TIMES OF LONDON, SAID "MOST DIPLOMATS IN PEKING BELIEVE THAT DR. KISSINGER ADVISED MR. FORD TO AGREE TO
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A MEETING NEAR VLADIVOSTOK IN ORDER TO SHOW THE CHINESE THAT, FOR WASHINGTON, RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW TAKE PRIORITY. IF SO, THERE SEEM TO BE SOME GAPS IN HIS UNDERSTANDING OF CHINESE PSYCHOLOGY
,
WHICH HAS APPEARED TO BE SO ACUTE UNTIL NOW."
PERTER JENKINS OF THE GUARDIAN ARGUED THAT "THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY PERSONIFIED IN DR. KISSINGER TODAY POINTS IN THE DIRECTION OF CONFRONTATION WITH A NEW ADVERSARY--

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CHANGE. DR. KISSINGER'S RECENT SPEECHES HAVE ALL BEEN COMPLAINTS
ABOUT CHANGE. HIS
OWN DEEPLY CONSERVATIVE VIEWS PREJUDICE HIM STRONGLY IN FAVOR
OF THE STATUS QUO....DR. KISSINGER WARNS, REVEALINGLY, ABOUT THE
THREAT TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION "AS WE KNOW IT.' 'INTERDEPENDENCE'
IS MEANINGLESS AND USELESS AS A RESISTANT TO CHANGE. TO BE
MEANINGFUL IT MUST INVOLVE AN ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGE...."
PARIS: MEDIA CONCLUDED THAT MR. FORD HAD ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A
GOODWILL AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO. THEY EXPECTED THE SAUVAGNARGUES VISIT TO

JAPAN TO CLARIFY TOKYO'S ATTITUDE ON OIL AND ENERGY.
LE MONDE USED THE TERM "AMBASSADOR OF GOOD WILL." IT SAID IN AN
EDITORIAL THAT "THE PRINCIPAL SUCCESS OF HIS VISIT IS QUITE
SIMPLY THE FACT THAT IT TOOK PLACE AND THAT THE CONVERSATIONS
WENT SMOOTHLY. THE SHOCKS OF THE NIXON PERIOD ARE FORGOTTEN,
THE CLIMATE HAS CLEARED UP. AS SEEN FROM TOKYO, THE NIPPON-AMERICAN
ALLIANCE, THEORETICALLY SUBJECT TO DENUNCIATION ON A YEAR'S
NOTICE, REMAINS FOR NOW AND THE COMING YEARS A DURABLE AND ESSENTIAL
ELEMENT OF ASIAN STABILITY AND EVEN OF WORLD BALANCE...IT IS NOT
WITHOUT REASON THAT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE SPEAKS OF A NEW PAGE OPENED
IN NIPPON-AMERICAN RELATIONS. ONE OF THE NEW THINGS WHICH APPEAR
THROUGH THAT VERY ABSTRACT TEXT IS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
CONTENT OF THE ALLIANCE IS NOW TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER MILITARY
CONTENT."
IT NOTED THAT "JAPAN'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS
WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES CANNOT BE CALLED INTO QUESTION BY A POLICY
THAT WOULD LEAD TO A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. IN
THIS REGARD IT IS INTERESTED IN THE VIEWS OF THE FRENCH, AND MR.
SAUVAGNARGUES' VISIT TO TOKYO COMES AT A TIMELY MOMENT..."
FIGURARO'S JACQUEST JACQUET-FRACILLON REPORTED FROM KYOTO THAT
MR. FORD'S "FIRST MAJOR MISSION ABROAD HAS BEGUN VERY WELL. HE
HAS NOT MADE ANY FAUX PAS--HENRY KISSINGER, WHO NEVER LET HIM OUT
OF HIS SIGHT FROM THE TIME THEY LEFT WASHINGTON, WAS CONCERNED
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ABOUT THAT--AND THE NIPPON-U.S. TALKS WENT OFF MUCH BETTER THAN HE
HAD HOPED...EVEN IF HE IS POSSIBLY INDULGING IN NEW ILLUSIONS
ABOUT THE VALUE OF THE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS COMMITMENTS MADE BY
TOKYO." (END TAKE ONE) UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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